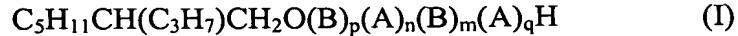


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): An alkoxylate mixture comprising alkoxylates of the formula (I)



where

A is ethyleneoxy,

B propyleneoxy

groups A and B being present in the form of blocks in the stated sequence,

p is a number from 0 to 5,

n is a number from 0.25 to 10,

m is a number from 2 to 10,

q is a number from 1 to 5,

from 70 to 99% by weight of alkoxylates A1, in which C_5H_{11} is n- C_5H_{11} , and

from 1 to 30% by weight of alkoxylates A2, in which C_5H_{11} is $C_2H_5CH(CH_3)CH_2$

and/or $CH_3CH(CH_3)CH_2CH_2$,

being present in the mixture.

Claim 2 (Original): An alkoxylate mixture according to claim 1, wherein C_3H_7 is n- C_3H_7 .

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An alkoxylate mixture according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein, in the formula (I), p is a number from 0.5 to 5.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An alkoxylate mixture according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein from 85 to 96% by weight of alkoxylates A1 and from 4 to 15% by weight of alkoxylates A2 are present.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of an alkoxylate mixture according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 by reacting the alcohol mixture with C₂₋₅-alkylene oxides under alkoxylation conditions.

Claim 6 (Original): A process for the preparation of an alkoxylate mixture according to claim 5, wherein the alkoxylation is carried out in the presence of a double metal cyanide compound as a catalyst.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of~~ A method of using an alkoxylate mixture according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 as an emulsifier, foam regulator and wetting agent for hard surfaces.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The [[use]] method according to claim 7 in detergents, surfactant formulations for cleaning hard surfaces, humectants, cosmetic, pharmaceutical and crop protection formulations, finishes, coating materials, adhesives, leather fatliquoring agents, formulations for the textile industry, fiber processing, metal processing, food industry, water treatment, paper industry, fermentation or mineral processing, in emulsion polymerizations and as additives or starting materials for the preparation of additives for mineral building materials.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A detergent, cleaning agent, wetting agent, coating material, adhesive, leather fatliquoring agent, humectant or textile treatment composition, additive for mineral building materials or cosmetic, pharmaceutical or crop protection formulation containing an alkoxylate mixture according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1.